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SUBJECT: Meeting with National Assoc. of Home Builders (NAHB) staff to discuss products of mutual interest.

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LOCATION: Rm. 612, East West Towers Bldg.

CPSC ATTENDEE(S):
William H. King, Jr., ES
Andrew Trotta, ESEE
Doug Lee, ESEE
Nick Marchica, ESME

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):
Matt Dobson, NAHB
Jeffrey Inks, NAHB
Melissa Klein, National Assoc. of State Fire Marshals
Carole Milazzo, National Assoc. of State Fire Marshals

SUMMARY OF MEETING: The discussion included sharing information with regard to arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), cooking fires, and fire sprinklers.

With regard to AFCIs, it was agreed that within the next several months, CPSC staff and the NAHB representative to the National Electrical Code (NEC) Committee Code Panel 2 (principal representative to be named) should meet to go over technical and economic data regarding AFCIs. The meeting will be scheduled to take place at NAHB headquarters in Washington, DC. At the next meeting, areas of agreement and disagreement can be further identified, including the costs associated with AFCIs and their installation in homes, effectiveness of AFCIs in addressing electrical faults that lead to fires, and consumer interaction with AFCIs. CPSC staff indicated that single pole AFCIs are currently priced at \$30 retail at a major home improvement chain. NAHB mentioned that 1.5 million dwelling units are constructed each year in the U.S.

Mr. Trotta provided background information with regard to the CPSC staff work on reducing fires associated with cooking on the surface burners of gas and electric ranges.

Mr. Marchica discussed the CPSC technical staff work associated with the recall of numerous defective fire sprinkler heads.

Messrs. Dobson and Inks expressed interest in keeping housing affordable. While they indicated support for the technology of AFCIs, for example, they raised questions regarding AFCI applications in new construction.